

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
Title 13, Article 6, Section 425.01
Administration

AB 2996 of the 2002 legislative session amended Vehicle Code Section 1656. This amendment requires that the department distribute the California Vehicle Code at a charge sufficient to pay the entire cost of publishing and distributing the code. The amendment also requires the department to publish the Code once every two years instead of every year. Prior to this amendment the department was permitted to charge a maximum of \$3.00 for a printed copy of the Code.

The department proposes to adopt section 425.01 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Chapter 1, Division 1, Article 6. The intent of the proposed language is to establish, in regulations, the administrative fee that is sufficient to pay the entire cost of publishing the Code plus the actual cost of shipping the Code books to the requester.

§425.01 Administrative Fee for Vehicle Code Book

Subdivision (a)

Based on the requirements of Vehicle Code Section 1656 (a), the department is establishing an administrative fee of six dollars (\$6) for each Vehicle Code book as the charge that is sufficient to pay the entire cost of publishing the Code. This figure was calculated based on a 65,000-book printing run. A costing summary is attached.

Subdivision (b)

The purchaser of the Vehicle Code book will be responsible to pay any actual shipping costs charged by third-party shippers. This cost will be in addition to the \$6 administrative fee. The department determined that this would be the most cost-effective means of distributing the Code.